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AREA UNDER GROUNDNUT AND SUNFLOWER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area under groundnut and sunflower is lesser than last year owing to deficient rain in parts of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The area under groundnut and sunflower in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat declined in Kharif, 2011 compared to last year. The decline in areas is mostly attributed to weather aberrations, intermittent dry spells in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. However, the lesser area coverage under groundnut in the State of Gujarat is mainly attributed to the increase in area under other Kharif crops viz cotton and castor. The area under groundnut and sunflower in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat during Kharif, 2010 and Kharif, 2011 is as under: -

(Area in lakh hectares)

States	Crops	2010-11 (IVth advance estimates)	2011-12 (1st advance estimates)
Karnataka	Groundnut	6.59	5.25
	Sunflower	1.94	1.75
Andhra Pradesh	Groundnut	13.47	10.04
	Sunflower	0.42	0.21
Gujarat	Groundnut	16.91	14.33
	Sunflower	-	-

(c): In order to enhance the production of oilseeds including groundnut and sunflower, the Government of India is implementing a

Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing States during 2011-12. Also, Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) provide support of oilseeds development programme. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme provides assistance for oilseeds development to the States not covered under ISOPOM. The States can support crop development activities approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the State for any crop under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). Beside the implementation of oilseeds development programmes, a significant increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) of oilseeds crops has been made during 2011-12.